

The Day of International Arbitration Yet Afar Off

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From the beginning of the Christian era to the present time, the hope has been commonly entertained that as the world grew older and wiser a period would eventually be reached so abundant in moral and Christian forces that the settlement of all serious differences between nations would be accomplished by arbitration, and further appeals to arms rendered unnecessary.

UNFORTUNATELY THIS UTOPIAN PERIOD SEEMS FURTHER AWAY TO-DAY THAN EVER BEFORE, if the increase in the numerical strength of the armies maintained by the great nations of the world afford a reliable indication.

Russia now leads the list in the world's armament with a peace establishment that has grown in recent years to the enormous proportions of more than a million of men, having on her rolls at the present time 1,040,000 soldiers of all arms. Germany comes next with over 600,000. France follows with about 580,000. Great Britain has nearly the same number as France, not including her Indian troops, some 140,000 strong. Impoverished Italy, and impecunious Turkey, each maintain a standing force of 225,000 men, and the United States has upon her rolls to-day about 75,000 men with legal authority for 25,000 more.

In addition to her land force, Great Britain maintains 477 war vessels and an immense host of sailors to man and sail them. France has 484 war vessels, Russia 341, Germany 261, Italy 231 and the United States 135.

THE MAINTENANCE OF THESE GREAT ARMAMENTS BY THE LEADING NATIONS OF THE WORLD LEAVES LITTLE ROOM TO HOPE THAT THE PERIOD IS NEAR AT HAND WHEN THE SOLDIER WILL NO LONGER BE NEEDED, and moral and religious sentiment will prove sufficiently strong to enable the peaceful settlement of serious disputes between nations. It is evidently too early by a century or more to think of disbanding armies and converting war vessels into merchantmen.

These great armaments, we are told, are maintained in the interest of peace, a condition of readiness for war being regarded as the best possible security for the continuance of friendly relations between the nations.

But this view, while generally accepted, is rejected as purely hypothetical by a respectable minority. THE EXISTENCE OF THESE VAST ARMAMENTS, this minority asserts, AFFORDS MEANS OF GRATIFYING HUMAN PASSIONS THAT MIGHT BE APPEASED BY PEACEFUL METHODS IF THE CONDITIONS OF READINESS FOR WAR DID NOT EXIST.

An advocate of the majority view while visiting in St. Petersburg not long since, was favored with a place of honor on the occasion of a review by the emperor of the imperial troops stationed in and about the capital.

The reflections of the gentleman, as related to a friend, reveal a view of these great armaments not generally entertained.

Several hours were consumed in the passing of the royal pageant of guns and horses and men, moving before their sovereign with marvelous precision, the troops giving evidence by their soldierly bearing of the high training to which they had been subjected. The gentleman stood not far from the emperor, and for a time endeavored to study the emotions shown in his majesty's face as he gazed upon the brilliant display. The visitor's purpose, however, was presently lost in his own emotions as he began to consider the possible things he might be prompted to do if he possessed the power of the "czar of all the Russias," and held at his bidding so perfect and seemingly invincible an army as that now passing before him.

The review ended finally and the gentleman retired to his quarters in the city, thankful that the question of the aggrandizement of his country by war, or the gratification of his personal ambition by military conquest, was not in his keeping.

When you are tempted to be mean and stingy, prone to over-carefulness in the expenditure of either your money or your sympathy and help, be careful that your actions do not serve as a boomerang and return to you in the shape of broken friendships and the loss of respect of neighbors and associates. Many a man can testify that such things happened to him.

We read that "in the beginning it was said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." A few educational brethren met in Washington

SPELLING REFORM IS NOT NEEDED

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effect has that attempt had upon the English-speaking world? What effect has it had upon 76,000,000 of people in the United States? What effect upon the American press? The main effects seem to have been that the reform is supported by two or three educational journals. Our reforming brethren might say to the people of the United States, in the language of the Scripture: "We have piped unto you, but ye have not danced."

Now it is proposed to carry the reform still farther through the agency of a committee of prominent educators. We might meet that by saying that "great men are not always wise, neither do the aged understand judgment."

English orthography is assuredly the most rugged in the world, but it is the outcome of the ruggedness, character and characteristics of the English-speaking people. I maintain that there is no demand for a reform of this kind. I AM OPPOSED TO DEPREDATIONS ON THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE and hope the depredators, like him we read of in the sacred writings, may soon be "clothed and in their right minds."

Do not glory in having beaten a competitor by some sharp practice. Such a victory is very likely to return to you with interest added.

Miss Fannie Schaeffer, of Kansas City, Sundayed with relatives.

W. D. Ilgenfritz, of Sedalia Sundayed with his son, a cadet at W. M. A.

O. G. Sessler and wife, of Sibley, Iowa, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Andres.

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Mrs. Henry C. Wallace left Monday morning for a visit with her daughters, Mrs. George Cooper, of Kansas City, and Mrs. Harry McDonald, of St. Joseph.

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Mrs. C. A. Nickell and little son, Louis, who were guests of Lexington friends left Saturday for Jamesport, where they will reside in future. They were accompanied by Mrs. Nickell's mother, Mrs. E. A. Eckle, who will remain a few days.

Mrs. William Stonestreet, who has been seriously ill at her home in Kansas City, was brought to the home of her parents in Lexington Saturday night by her husband, Mr. Wm. Stonestreet, her mother, Mrs. B. R. Ireland, and her sister, Mrs. B. H. Frazer. It is to be hoped that the change will be beneficial.

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